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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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For: BLOOD COMPONENTS  
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Art Unit: 1723

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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR:

In response to the office action of February 24, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows: